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SUBJECT: SADAT STATEMENTS

1. PRESIDENT SADAT HAD HIGHLY VISIBLE TWO DAYS AUGUST 24 AND 25 DURING WHICH HE PRESIDED OVER A CABINET MEETING ON CONSUMER CRISIS (SEPTTEL) AND MET WITH THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES CONFERENCE, MAKING HEADLINES WITH HIS STATEMENTS ON BOTH OCCASIONS.

2. MOST INTERESTING OF STATEMENTS WERE THOSE MADE TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 25. SADAT, MOSTLY REPLYING TO QUESTIONS, SAID (A) REGARDING A FINAL SETTLEMENT - EGYPT REJECTS BOTH A PARTIAL SOLUTION TO THE ME PROBLEM AND UNILATERAL ACTION BY ANY STATE AS LONG AS ARAB TERRITORY IS OCCUPIED OR THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS ARE NOT RECOGNIZED. (B) REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL CITIES - HE HAD DECLARED SOMETIME AGO THAT THE THREE CITIES IN THE CANAL AREA (PORT SAID, ISMAILIA, AND SUEZ) CONSTITUTED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EGYPTIAN CIVILIAN SECTOR AND
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THEREFORE ANY RAID UPON THOSE CITIES BY THE ISRAELIS WOULD

BE MET ("GIVES US THE RIGHT") WITH URGENT REACTION AGAINST ISRAELI "DEPTH" (READ CIVILIAN POPULATION CENTERS). (C) REGARDING RELATIONS WITH THE USSR - SADAT PROCLAIMED THAT THE UUSR "DID NOT MAKE UP FOR THE AIRCRAFT WHICH EGYPT LOST IN THE OCTOBER WAR", ALTHOUGH THE USSR CONTINUES TO SUPPLY SYRIA WITH ARMS. SADAT SAID THAT THE MEETING OF SOVIET LEADERS WHICH WAS SUDDENTLY POSTPONED HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN RESCHEDULED; BE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. (D) REGARDING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE - HE INSISTED THAT THERE MUST BE A UNITED FRONT AT GENEVA. THE ONLY SPLIT IN THE ARAB RANKS OF WHICH ISRAEL MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE IS THE ONE BETWEEN THE PLO AND JORDAN. EGYPT TRIED TO END THIS SPLIT WHEN KING HUSSEIN VISITED EGYPT. (E) REGARDING A PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE - SADAT REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT HE HAD CALLED TWO YEARS BEFORE FOR THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT. HAD THIS BEEN DONE, HE PREDICTED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND WOULD HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY ALL THE WORLD AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR. (F) REGARDING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES - SADAT POINTED OUT THAT AFTER 1967 THE UNITED STATES WAS FULLY BIASED TOWARDS ISRAEL, BUT THE ARABS SUBSEQUENTLY HAD MOVED THE US FROM ITS BLIND SUPPORT AND MADE HER MAKE A COMMITMENT TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AS THE RESULT OF THE OCTOBER WAR. (G) REGARDING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ - SADAT SAID THAT HE HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BAKR TO REMOVE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THEM. HE ALSO REFERRED TO ASHRAM MARWAN'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD IN THIS CONTEXT.

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